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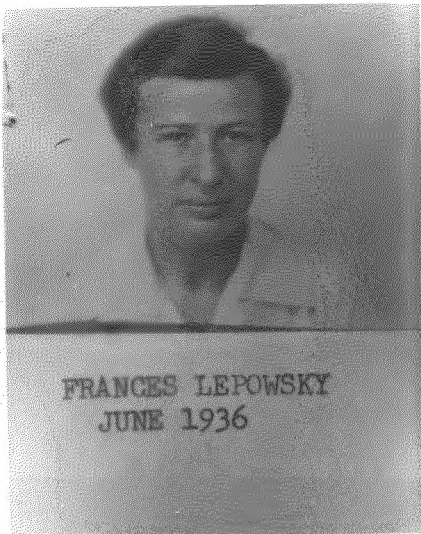
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FRANCES LEPOWSKY  
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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York

DATE: 4/16/53

FROM: SA William F. Roemer, Jr.

SUBJECT: Frances Le Powsky, (nee Rice)

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[redacted] of known reliability, on 4/8,9/53 furnished SA's CHRISTOPHER J. PAPPIANOU and the writer with the identity of the referenced individual.

This source stated that this person is or has been an employee of the New York City Board of Education who falls in one of the following categories:

1. One who resigned during the course of an investigation (June, 1951-to date) into suspected Communist affiliations which was conducted by the New York City Board of Education.
2. One who was suspended or discharged from his position with the Board of Education for insubordination based on the results of a hearing afforded that person by the New York City Board of Education. (failed to state whether Communist during 1951-present).
3. One who resigned or retired from his position with the Board of Education rather than keep a scheduled appointment for a hearing to be conducted by the Board of Education into his suspected Communist affiliations.
4. One whose position with the Board of Education was vacated due to his refusal to answer questions concerning Communism put to him by a duly authorized Congressional committee (under Section 903 of the New York City Charter).
5. One who is currently the subject of an investigation for suspected Communist affiliation which is being conducted by the New York City Board of Education.

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The number appearing in parenthesis next to the referenced subject's name refers to the category in which he belongs:

Name: 250 W 24<sup>th</sup> ST-NY  
Category: 5  
Birth Data: 12/15/1908-N.Y.  
School Employed: Flushing H.S.

Consideration should be given to opening a SM-C case file on the referenced subject. The indices of this office have been checked and all subversive references to a person with the same name are attached. In the event the attached form reflects that a main case file in one of the security categories exists at present in this office concerning someone with the same name as the referenced individual, it is suggested that that case be reviewed to determine whether the subject of that case is identical with the referenced individual.

Background and subversive information developed by [redacted] during investigation of subject is to be found in case jacket on file at the Board of Education and is available through [redacted]. Contact with informant is through SA LESTER LANGE on Section 12 and with the writer on Section 7.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC New York

DATE: 9/17/53

FROM : SA Edward Thomas Walsh, Jr.

SUBJECT: FRANCES LG POWSKY, nee RICE  
SM-C

Re: Memorandum of William F. Homer Jr. Dated 4/16/53

It is indicated in the referenced memorandum that the captioned subject is presently engaged of has in the past engaged in subversive activities.

It is suggested that a case file be opened on the captioned subject for the purpose of reviewing the records of the Board of Education to determine the extent of the subversive activity.

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FRANCES LE POWSKY, wa:  
Frances Rice  
SM-C

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The captioned subject is presently under investigation by the NYC Board of Education, which is inquiring into the extent of her activities for and affiliations with the CP.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on 2/9/54 that the subject was born on 12/15/08, NYC, resides at 250 W. 54th St., NYC, and is employed at Flushing High School, Flushing, LI, NY. [redacted] further related that she is married to one EDWARD LE POWSKY, who was formerly employed by the Board of Education but has been dismissed because he refused to answer questions concerning his alleged affiliation with the CP.

Concerning EDWARD LE POWSKY, it is pointed out to the Bureau that he is presently the subject of NY file 100-115527, and a Security-type investigation is presently being conducted in order to determine his sympathies and affiliations.

Bureau authority is requested to institute an investigation of FRANCES LE POWSKY in accordance with existing rules and regulations governing the investigation of individuals who are affiliated with institutions of learning.

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Chief Clerk  
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DR

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ETW: CAS *[Handwritten signature]*

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SAC, New York (100-115495)

March 5, 1954

Director, FBI

FRANCES LE POWSKY  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated February 17, 1954.

Before the Bureau will authorize investigation of this subject you should furnish the details of the present complaint together with a summary of information concerning her activities as are revealed from a check of your office indices. In the absence of such information the Bureau is not in a position to properly evaluate your request.

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FRANCES LE POWSKY, wa  
SM-C

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Rebulet to NY, 3/5/54.

The referenced letter from the Bureau advised NY that before the Bureau would authorize an investigation of the captioned individual to be conducted, as was requested by NY letter, 2/17/54, NY would have to furnish to the Bureau the details of the complaint together with a summary of the information concerning her activities as revealed in the NYO indices.

[redacted] supplied background information on the captioned individual on 4/21/54. [redacted] further related that one FANNY LE POWSKY, 1463 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, signed a CPNP for SIMON GERSON in 1948. [redacted] continued that the subject was an active member of the Teachers Union, Local 555 as of September, 1949.

The indices of the NYO were reviewed and the following information is set forth as contained therein:

100-59086-23 reflects that FRANCES LE POWSKY, 250 West 24th Street, directed a communication to Governor DEWEY requesting that the Governor pardon MORRIS U. SCHAPPES (NYU Professor who was convicted of perjury). The communication, addressed by FRANCES LE POWSKY to the Governor, was dated 1/24/44.

100-2936-1A-271, page 3, indicated that in the publication entitled, "The Voice of 500", published by the Lincoln Steffens Lodge number 500 and Morris Langer Club, IWO, NYC, greetings were sent by one FANNY LE POWSKY to this publication.

100-2936-1A-612 indicates that FRANCES LE POWSKY was a member of the IWO, Lodge number 500, as of December, 1946.

100-80945-850 - This is a complaint form indicating that the complainant believes that the subject is a member of the CP; and that he believed further that she travelled to Russia in the 1930's, and, further, that at a teachers' meeting during Easter vacation, 1949, subject took up a collection for "Red Front Organization".

Confidential informants of the NYO have been contacted, but were unable to furnish any information concerning the captioned individual.

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Letter to Director.  
NY 100-115495

The subject is presently teaching at Flushing High School, Flushing, Long Island, NY, and is under investigation by the NYC Board of Education to determine the extent of her sympathies and affiliations with the CP.

In accordance with existing rules and regulations governing the investigation of individuals connected with institutions of learning, the Bureau is again requested to authorize an investigation of this individual.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-115495)

DATE: May 11, 1954

FROM : *JPM* Director, FBISUBJECT: FRANCES LE POWSKY  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated April 28, 1954.

You are authorized to conduct an investigation of this subject in accordance with the provisions of Section 87C of the Manual of Instructions to determine if her inclusion in the Security Index is warranted.

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May 11, 1954

Director, FBI

FRANCES LE POWSKY  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE JUL 13 1954	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/17, 1948; 5/24, 6/22-25/54	REPORT MADE BY <b>EDWARD T. WALSH, JR.</b> tmf
TITLE <b>FRANCES LEPOWSKY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject born 12/15/08 in NYC; married EDWARD LEPOWSKY 12/22/29 in Brooklyn, NY; employed NYC Board of Education 1931 to present time; resides 143-11 Barclay Ave., Flushing, NY. Subject has been identified by informant of unknown reliability as member of CP while teaching at Flushing High School. Petitioned Governor DEWEY on behalf of MORRIS SCHAPPE in 1944; member IWO Lodge #500, 1946; active member Teachers Union, 1949; believed to have travelled to Russia in 1930's with husband. Subject registered ALP 1941 through 1949.

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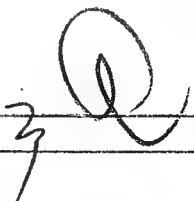

All informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

This investigation is predicated upon information received from T-3 who advised on July 29, 1949 that the subject was believed to be a Communist Party member.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Birth

T-1 related on February 19, 1954 that FRANCES LEPOWSKY nee FRANCES RICE, was born on December 15, 1908 in New York City.

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B. Education

T-1 advised that the subject attended Hunter College, New York City, from 1924 to 1928.

C. Marital Status

T-1 continued that the subject married EDWARD LEPOWSKY on December 22, 1929 in Brooklyn, New York.

D. Employment

According to T-1, subject was employed in 1931 by the New York City Board of Education.

T-2 stated on June 23, 1954 that the subject was still teaching at Flushing High School, Flushing, Long Island.

E. Residences

T-1 related that the subject has resided at the following addresses:

1929	220 East 18th Street, Brooklyn
1930	1081 Park Place, Brooklyn
1941-1947	250 West 24th Street, New York City
1947-1953	143-11 Barclay Avenue, Flushing

T-2 advised on June 23, 1954 that the subject continues to reside at 143-11 Barclay Avenue, Flushing, New York.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST  
PARTY MOVEMENT

A. Communist Party Membership

T-3, of unknown reliability but who is in a position to know of subject's activity, advised on July 29, 1949 that he believed the subject to be a member of the Communist Party while teaching at Flushing High School in that she continually advocated the Communist Party line as stated in the "Daily Worker".



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The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

B. Communist Party Fronts

1. Morris U. Schappes Defense Committee

T-4 related on January 24, 1944 that FRANCES LEPOWSKY of 250 West 24th Street, had petitioned Governor DEWEY to pardon MORRIS U. SCHAPPES.

Concerning MORRIS U. SCHAPPES, it is noted that the records of the Clerk of the General Sessions Court, County of New York, disclose that MORRIS U. SCHAPPES, an instructor in English at the College of the City of New York, was dismissed on March 15, 1941, following an investigation of Communism in the Educational System of the State of New York by the Rapp-Coudert Joint Legislative Committee. At these hearings, SCHAPPES admitted that he had been a member of the Communist Party and active as such on the college campus from 1935 to 1940. He testified specifically that during the period of his activity there were but four members of the City College Unit of the Communist Party, whereas other witnesses offered testimony showing there were fifty members.

2. International Workers Order

T-5 advised on December 23, 1947 that FRANCES LEPOWSKY was born in 1908 and was a member of International Workers Order Lodge #500 as of December 1946.

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

3. United Public Workers of America -  
Teachers Union, Local 555

T-3 related on July 29, 1949 that the subject was a member and active in the New York City Teachers Union, Local 555, while she was a teacher at Flushing High School, Flushing, Long Island, New York.

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JOHN LAUTNER, former national functionary of the Communist Party, USA, advised on January 6, 1954 that he knows the Teachers Union of New York City to have been under the control of the Communist Party since the middle 1930's. He knows the top two leaders of the Teachers Union, ABE LEDERMAN, President, and ROSE V. RUSSELL, Legislative Director, as having been devoted Communist Party members as of the time he left the Communist Party in January 1950.

"Teachers News" of May 22, 1954 reflects that LEDERMAN and RUSSELL continue in the above described positions with the Teachers Union.

The Rapp-Coudert Committee, a New York legislative committee which investigated subversive influences in New York State public schools in 1940-1942, reported in February 1942 that the Teachers Union of New York City was at that time commonly accepted and adequately proved to be controlled by Communists. The Committee also reported that the teachers who at that time still belonged to the Teachers Union could no longer be deemed ignorant of the true nature of the Teachers Union and they must be either Communists, willing tools of Communists or wilfully blind to the record.

#### 4. American Labor Party

The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, New York, as reviewed by SE EDWARD C. UTZ on June 29, 1954 reflect that FRANCES LEPOWSKY registered in favor of the American Labor Party from 1941 through 1949.

Concerning the American Labor Party, the following information is contained in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., dated May 14, 1951:

"1. For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control." (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)

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"2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 40 and 41.)"

### III. MISCELLANEOUS

#### Travel to Russia

T-3 stated on July 29, 1949 that the subject and her husband, EDWARD LEPOWSKY, travelled to Russia in the early 1930's. T-3 was unable to supply any other information concerning them.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, as reviewed by SA AUGUST J. MICEK on February 19, 1954, did not reflect any information concerning the subject.

The following confidential informants of known reliability, who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area, were contacted but were unable to furnish any information concerning the subject: T-6, T-7, T-8 and T-9.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
T-1 [redacted]	Records of NYC Board of Education and subversive info	2/19/54, 9/17/53	SA EDWARD T. WALSH, JR.	Instant report
T-2 Pretext telephone call to subject's residence	Residence and employment verification	6/23/54	SA EDWARD T. WALSH, JR.	Instant report
T-3 RICHARD BERGERE, complainant, 143-28 41st Ave., Flushing (by request)	States subject CP member and member Teachers Union, Local 555	7/29/49	SA FRANCIS K. HANLON	100-80945-850
T-4 A high ranking official of the State of NY who made the information available to Albany office and was forwarded to NYO by letter dated 1/24/44.	Letter to Gov. DEWEY re pardon for MORRIS U. SCHAPPES in December 1943	1/24/44	SAC, NY	100-29086-22,23
T-5 [redacted]	Dues collection list for December 1946	12/23/47	SA EVERETT K. DEANE	100-2936-1A612

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T-6 [redacted]	Negative	3/19/54	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	Instant report
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T-7 [redacted]	Negative	3/19/54	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	Instant report
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T-8 [redacted]	Negative	3/19/54	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	Instant report
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T-9 [redacted]	Negative	3/19/54	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	Instant report
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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will await the Bureau's decision concerning the recommendation to interview subject.

Will obtain physical description of the subject upon interview.

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JUL 13 1954

Director, FBI

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FRANCES LEPOWSKY

SM - C

Enclosed herewith are five copies of report of SA EDWARD T. WALSH, JR., at NY, dated JUL 13 1954

1. Subject is presently residing at 143-11 Barclay Ave., Flushing, NY. She is employed as a teacher at Flushing High School, Flushing, Long Island, NY. She is of the white race.

2. She is married to EDWARD LEPOWSKY, who resides with her and is employed by the Aloris Tool Co., 131-37 Sanford Ave., Flushing, Long Island, and he is of the white race.

3. Subject has been identified by an informant of unknown reliability as being a member of the CP while teaching at Flushing High School in 1949. She has been a member of the IWO Lodge #500 as of 1946 and petitioned Governor DEWEY in behalf of MORRIS U. SCHAPPES in January 1944. She has also been identified as being active in the Teachers Union of NYC.

4. Subject's spouse, EDWARD LEPOWSKY, has been identified by an informant of unknown reliability as being a member of the CP while employed at Flushing High School. He has also been a member of IWO in 1947 and petitioned Governor DEWEY in behalf of MORRIS U. SCHAPPES in January 1944 and has been identified as a member of the Teachers Union, Local 555, NYC, 1949.

5. No information.

6. No information regarding defection, expulsion or present sympathies on the part of the subject.

7. In the event Bureau authority is granted to interview this individual, it is felt that she might be able to supply valuable information concerning CP infiltration into the NYC school system.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to the interview of security subjects. If the subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct her activities but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting Bureau authority to recontact the subject as a potential security informant.

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TITLE <b>EDWARD LEPOWSKY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject born 8/3/04, Brooklyn, NY; married FRANCES LEPOWSKY 12/22/29 in Brooklyn; employed NYC Board of Education December 1928 to 11/2/53, when he resigned rather than answer questions concerning his alleged CP activities. Identified by a source which T-2 believes reliable as a member of the CP while employed as a teacher at the Bronx High School of Science. Petitioned Governor DEWEY on behalf of MORRIS SCHAPPEL in 1944; member IWO Lodge 500, 1946; active member NYC Teachers Union, 1949; contributed \$2.00 to JAFRC in 1950; believed to have travelled to Russia in 1930's with wife. Subject registered ALP 1941 through 1949.

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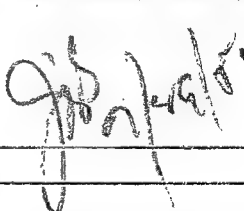
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This investigation is predicated upon information received from T-2 who advised on September 17, 1953 that the subject was believed to be a Communist Party member.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Birth

T-1, another government agency which maintains personnel type records, advised that their records reflect that the subject was born on August 3, 1904 in Brooklyn, New York.

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**B. Education**

T-1 further advised that subject received a B. S. and M. S. degrees in education from City College of New York. T-1 did not know the dates of subject's attendance.

**C. Marital Status**

T-2 related on February 19, 1954 that EDWARD LEPOWSKY married FRANCES RICE on December 22, 1929 in Brooklyn, New York.

**D. Military Service**

T-1 stated that there was no indication in his file that subject ever served in the Armed Forces.

**E. Employment**

T-3, of unknown reliability but who is in a position to know the subject's employment, stated that the subject was presently employed by the Aloris Tool Company, 131-37 Sanford Avenue, Flushing, Long Island, New York, as a salesman.

T-2 stated that the subject was formerly employed as a school teacher in the New York City school system. He was first employed in December 1928 and continued in such employment until November 2, 1953, at which time he resigned rather than answer any questions put to him by the New York City Board of Education concerning his membership or activities in behalf of the Communist Party.

**F. Residences**

T-2 related that the subject resided at the following addresses:

1930	1081 Park Place, Brooklyn
1931	229 East 28th Street, Brooklyn
1941-1947	250 West 24th Street, New York City
1947-1953	143-11 Barclay Avenue, Flushing

T-3, previously mentioned, related that as of June 23, 1954 subject continued to reside at the Barclay Avenue address.



II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST  
PARTY MOVEMENT

A. Communist Party Membership

T-2 advised on February 19, 1954 that he had been advised by a source which he believed to be reliable that the subject was a member of the Communist Party while teaching at the Bronx High School of Science. Informant was unable to furnish any other information.

T-4, of unknown reliability but who is in a position to know the subject's activity, advised on July 29, 1949 that he believed the subject to be a Communist Party member while he was employed as a teacher at Flushing High School in that he continually advocated the Communist Party line as stated in the "Daily Worker".

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2. International Workers Order

T-6 advised on December 23, 1947 that subject was a member of International Workers Order Lodge #500 as of December 1946.

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

3. United Public Workers of America -  
Teachers Union, Local 555

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JOHN LAUTNER, former national functionary of the Communist Party, USA, advised on January 6, 1954 that he knows the Teachers Union of New York City to have been under the control of the Communist Party since the middle 1930's. He knows the top two leaders of the Teachers Union, ABE LEIDERMAN, President, and ROSE V. RUSSELL, Legislative Director, as having been devoted Communist Party members as of the time he left the Communist Party in January 1950.

"Teachers News" of May 22, 1954 reflects that LEIDERMAN and RUSSELL continue in the above described positions with the Teachers Union.

The Rapp-Coudert Committee, a New York legislative committee which investigated subversive influences in New York State public schools in 1940-1942, reported in February 1942 that the Teachers Union of New York City was at that time commonly accepted and adequately proved to be controlled by Communists. The Committee also reported that the teachers who at that time still belonged to the Teachers Union could no longer be deemed ignorant of the true nature of the Teachers Union and they must be either Communists, willing tools of Communists or wilfully blind to the record.

4. Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

T-7 related on October 6, 1950 that EDWARD LEPOWSKY of 250 West 24th Street, New York City, contributed \$2.00 to the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

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The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

5. American Labor Party

The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, New York, as reviewed by SE EDWARD C. UTZ on June 29, 1954, reflect that EDWARD LEPOWSKY registered in favor of the American Labor Party from 1941 through 1949.

Concerning the American Labor Party, the following information is contained in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., dated May 14, 1951:

"1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)

"2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 40 and 41.)"

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Travel to Russia

T-4 said that the subject, EDWARD LEPOWSKY, and his wife, FRANCES LEPOWSKY, travelled to Russia during the 1930's. T-4 was unable to supply any further information.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, as reviewed by SA AUGUST J. MICEK on February 19, 1954, did not reflect any additional information concerning the subject other than reported above.

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The following confidential informants of known reliability who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area were contacted but were unable to furnish any information concerning this individual: T-8, T-9, T-10 and T-11.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
T-1 Selective Service records, 1940 Act	7/27/42	5/28/51	SE DONALD C. STRELETZKY	Instant report
T-2 [redacted]	FOIA(b) (7) - (D) NYC Board of Education records and subversive info	2/19/54, 9/17/53	SA EDWARD T. WALSH, JR.	Instant report
T-3 Pretext telephone call to subject's residence	Residence and employment verification	6/23/54	SA EDWARD T. WALSH, JR.	Instant report
T-4 RICHARD BERGENE, complainant, 143-28 41st Ave., Flushing (by request)	States subject member CP, and member of TU, Local 555	7/29/49	SA FRANCIS K. HANLON	100-80945-850
T-5 A high ranking official of the State of NY who made the information available to Albany office and was forwarded to NYO by letter dated 1/24/44.	Letter to Gov. DEWEY re pardon for MORRIS U. SCHAPPES in December 1943	1/24/44	SAC, NY	100-29086-22,23

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T-6 [redacted]	IWO Dues collec- tion list for December 1946	12/23/47	SA EVERETT K. DEANE	100-2936- 1A612
T-7 Lt. T. F. CRANE, NYCPD	Contribution envelopes of the JAFRC collected by NYCPD	10/6/50	SA DAMON W. PITCHER	100-3642- 3266 p 8
T-8 [redacted]	Negative	3/19/54	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	Instant report
T-9 [redacted]	Negative	3/19/54	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	Instant report
T-10 [redacted]	Negative	3/19/54	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	Instant report
T-11 [redacted]	Negative	3/19/54	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	Instant report

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FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will await Bureau's decision concerning interview  
of EDWARD LEPOWSKY.

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

For information



For appropriate action



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Director, FBI

JUL 13 1954

SAC, New York (100-115495)

FRANCES LEPOWSKY  
SM - C

Enclosed herewith are five copies of report of SA EDWARD T. WALSH, JR., at NY, dated JUL 13 1954

1. Subject is presently residing at 143-11 Barclay Ave., Flushing, NY. She is employed as a teacher at Flushing High School, Flushing, Long Island, NY. She is of the white race.

2. She is married to EDWARD LEPOWSKY, who resides with her and is employed by the Aloris Tool Co., 131-37 Sanford Ave., Flushing, Long Island, and he is of the white race.

3. Subject has been identified by an informant of unknown reliability as being a member of the CP while teaching at Flushing High School in 1949. She has been a member of the IWO Lodge #500 as of 1946 and petitioned Governor DEWEY in behalf of MORRIS U. SCHAPPES in January 1944. She has also been identified as being active in the Teachers Union of NYC.

4. Subject's spouse, EDWARD LEPOWSKY, has been identified by an informant of unknown reliability as being a member of the CP while employed at Flushing High School. He has also been a member of IWO in 1947 and petitioned Governor DEWEY in behalf of MORRIS U. SCHAPPES in January 1944 and has been identified as a member of the Teachers Union, Local 555, NYC, 1949.

5. No information.

6. No information regarding defection, expulsion or present sympathies on the part of the subject.

7. In the event Bureau authority is granted to interview this individual, it is felt that she might be able to supply valuable information concerning CP infiltration into the NYC school system.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to the interview of security subjects. If the subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct her activities but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting Bureau authority to recontact the subject as a potential security informant. APPROVED

Encs. (5) Submit results in report

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Date 7-20-54

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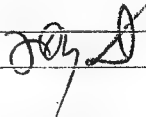




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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 10/19/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/3; 9/22, 24, 29; 10/1, 5, 11, 13/54	REPORT MADE BY EDWARD THOMAS WALSH, Jr. <span style="float: right;">jad</span>						
TITLE <u>CHANGED</u> FRANCES /LEPOWSKY, wa: <u>Frances/Rice</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C						
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject interviewed 10/5/54 and refused to talk to interviewing agents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P* -</p> <p>DETAILS: The title of this case is being marked changed to include the name FRANCES RICE as reflected in the records of the Department of Health, New York City, which indicate the subject, FRANCES RICE, was born on December 15, 1908, in New York City.</p> <p>On October 5, 1954, an attempt was made by SAS ALDEN C. MC CRAY and EDWARD THOMAS WALSH, Jr. to interview FRANCES LEPOWSKY at her home, 143-11 Barclay Avenue, Flushing, Long Island.</p> <p>As soon as the interviewing agents had identified themselves to Mrs. LEPOWSKY, she slammed the apartment door stating, "I do not want to talk to the FBI, I have nothing to say." The interview was thereupon terminated.</p> <p>The following physical description of FRANCES LEPOWSKY was obtained by the interviewing agents from physical observation:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="width: 40%;">Name</td><td>FRANCES LEPOWSKY</td></tr><tr><td>Alias</td><td>Frances Rice</td></tr><tr><td>Race</td><td>White</td></tr></table>				Name	FRANCES LEPOWSKY	Alias	Frances Rice	Race	White
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: right;">100 - 115495-11</div> 							
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Sex	Female
Age	45 - Born December 15, 1908, Brooklyn, New York
Height	5'3"
Weight	140 lbs.
Hair	Grey-white, short bob
Complexion	Sallow
Build	Medium
Eyes	Brown

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will await the Bureau's decision regarding the recommendation contained in FD 122.

REFERENCE: Report of SA EDWARD THOMAS WALSH, Jr.,  
7/12/54, New York.

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Director, FBI (100-410959)

10/19/54

SAC, New York (100-115495)

*J* FRANCES LEPOWSKY, wa  
SM-C

Enclosed herewith are 5 copies of the report of  
SA EDWARD THOMAS WALSH, Jr., dated 10/19/54, NY, and FD 122.

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from the NYC Board of Education for his failure to answer questions  
concerning his membership and activities in behalf of the CP,  
and in view of the fact that the subject and her husband have  
belonged to other organizations which have been designated by the  
Attorney General under Executive Order 10450, it is suggested that  
the subject's name be included in the SI of the NYO, and accordingly,  
FD 122 is submitted herewith.

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Director, FBI (100-410959)

*JAC*, New York (100-115495)

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FRANCES LEPOWSKY, wa  
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☒ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned subject.

☐ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME FRANCES LEPOWSKY

ALIASES Frances Rice

NATIVE BORN ☒ NATURALIZED ☐ ALIEN ☐

COMMUNIST ☒ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY ☐ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE ☐

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TAB FOR DETCOM ☐ TAB FOR COMSAB ☐ RACE W SEX F

DATE OF BIRTH 12/15/08 PLACE OF BIRTH NYC

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) NYC Board of Education - teacher, Flushing High School, Flushing, Long Island

KEY FACILITY DATA:  
GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTED AGENCIES \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 143-11 Barclay Ave., Flushing, Long Island

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Director, FBI (100-410959)

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FRANCES LEPOWSKY, wa  
SM-C

Security Index card 10/19/54  
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NYC Board of Education - teacher, Flushing High

School, Flushing, Long Island 109

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INTERESTED AGENCIES       

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 143-11 Barclay Ave., Flushing, Long Island

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TO: SAC New York  
 FROM: SA Edward T. Walsh  
 SUBJECT: Frances Lepowsky, wa  
 Francis Rice  
 SM-C  
 FILE NO: 100-115495

DATE: 11/24/54

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Section 87C, 3b(4), Manual of Instructions, directed the description and photograph should be placed on the reverse side of the Security Index Card. In regard to the photograph, the most recent one should be used if there is a choice. A review of the subject's file reflects there is - is not - a photograph of the above-captioned subject available for placing with the Security Index Card. (If more than one photograph is available, the Agent handling the investigation should indicate the photograph to be used.)

A review of the subject's file also reflects the following to be the most complete and current description of the subject, which description should be placed on the reverse side of the Security Index card at the time it is made up:

(1) Name and Aliases: Frances Lepowsky, wa  
 Francis Rice

(2) Sex: Female

(3) Color (race): W

(4) Age: 45 - Born 12/15/08

(5) Residence: 143-11 Barclay Ave Flushing LI 109

(6) Height: 5' 3"

(7) Weight: 140 lbs

(8) Build: Med

(9) Hair: Grey white - short bob

(10) Eyes: Brown

(11) Complexion: Sallow

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- (12) Scars and Marks: *none noted*
- (13) Peculiarities:
- (14) Occupation: *Teacher at Flushing H.S. Flushing NY*
- (15) Marital Status: *Married*
- (16) Immediate Relatives (including the number of <sup>minor children</sup>):  
*Edward Lepowaty - husband*  
*2 minor children - names unknown*
- (17) Nationality: *Amn*
- (18) Country of Birth: *USA*
- (19) Fingerprint Classification:
- (20) FBI or Police Number:
- (21) Criminal Record, showing sources:
- (22) Social Security Number:
- (23) Seamen's Certificate Number:

Check following:

Should subject be tabbed for Detcom ( ), Comsab ( ).

*Observed by SA E. T. Wahl 10/5/54*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY (100-115495)

FROM : EDWARD THOMAS WALSH, JR. (12-13)

SUBJECT: FRANCES LEPOWSKY, wa  
SM - C

DATE: 2/3/55

The captioned individual is presently included on the SI of the NYO.

She is a teacher employed by the NYC Board of Education at Flushing High School, Flushing, LI, NY, and she resides at 143-11 Bar@lay Avenue, Flushing, NY.

Due to the recent Bureau letters concerning the dissemination of information to Governor HARRIMAN, it is suggested that this case be closed at this time subject to being reopened when and if the Bureau approves dissemination of information to Mr. HARRIMAN.

A copy of this memo is being designated for the "RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FBI IN THE INTERNAL SECURITY FIELD."

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Assigned to: T. O'Keefe

Date: 3/30/55

Director, FBI (100-410959)

6-30-55

SAC, New York (100-115495)

FRANCES LEPOWSKY, wa  
SM-C

Re SAC Letter #55-30, 4-12-55.

NOTED  
SI UNIT  
DATE 7-7-55

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

1. RICHARD BERGERE, complainant, 143-28 41st. Avenue, Flushing, L.I., N.Y., who was in a position to know of subject's activity, advised on July 29, 1949 that he believed the subject to be a member of the Communist Party while teaching at Flushing High School in that she continually advocated the Communist Party line as stated in the "Daily Worker". (Admissable)(CP cited by AG.)

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

2. FRANCES LEPOWSKY, 250 West 24th Street, had petitioned Governor DEWEY to pardon MORRIS U. SCHAPPES. (A high ranking official of State of N.Y., 1-24-44).

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5. Subject refused to talk to Bureau Agents on 10-5-54 when they attempted to interview her. (Admissable)(reliable).

RECOMMENDATION

Delete from SI.

Subject's activity does not meet criteria set forth in relet.

DETCOM TABBING

1. Not tabbed.
2. Not applicable.
3. Subject recommended for deletion from Security Index.

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Director, FBI (100-410959)

6-30-55

SAC, New York (100-115495)

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FRANCES LEPOWSKY, wa  
SM-C

Security Index card cancelled

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TO : SAC, New York (100-115527)

DATE: August 10, 1956

FROM : SA DONALD E. HARTNETT #19

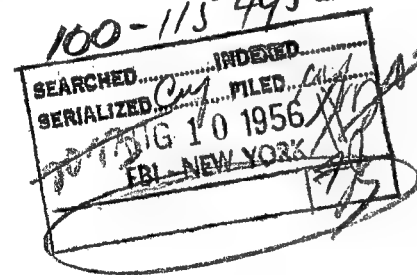
SUBJECT: EDWARD LEPOWSKY  
SM-C

On 8/10/56, MR J COATES, superintendent, 143-11 Barclay Avenue., Flushing, N.Y. advised that the subject, his wife and two children are presently residing in apt. G-4 at the above address.

He said that LEPOWSKY is employed as a salesman, selling door latches, for some Tool company on Sanford Ave., Flushing, N.Y. (It is noted that in 1954 subject was employed for the Aloris Tool Co., 131-37 Sanford Ave., Flushing, N.Y.) He also said that LEPOWSKY does considerable traveling and works out of his apartment most of the time.

MR COATES recalled that MRS LEPOWSKY is presently employed as a school teacher at Flushing High School.

cc 100-115495 (FRANCES LEPOWSKY) 20-13



OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-115495)

DATE: ~~12/1/56~~ 3/5/57

FROM : SA *Dwight R. Santacrose*

SUBJECT: *FRANCES LEPOWSKY*

Captioned case file was reviewed in accordance with provisions of SAC Letter #56-56, paragraph L, and it is recommended that a Communist Index card be prepared.

To prepare the CI card, the following information is set forth:

Name and aliases: *Frances Lepowsky wa. Frances Rice*

Residence (Date): *8/10/56* *143-11 BARCLAY Ave., FLUSHING, NY, Apt G-4*

Employment (Date): *8/10/56* *FLUSHING High School FLUSHING, NY. School Teacher.*

D. O. B.: *12/15/08*

Citizenship: (Native born, naturalized, alien)

Subversive information: *1) Reportedly CP member - 1949  
2) Husband - Edward - CP member - 1949  
3) Subject member of CP controlled NYC Teachers Union, Local 555, 1949.  
4) Registered ALP - 1941 - 1949.  
5) Reportedly travelled to Russia during 1930's with husband.*

Interviewed (Date):

*Refused to be interviewed  
10/5/54.*

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

T : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 115495) DATE:

FROM: T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., SUPERVISOR, #42

SUBJECT: *Francis Lepowsky*  
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This case is being reopened under the program of investigating all individuals included in the Communist Index in the NYO.

The following minimum investigative steps must be taken:

1. Review file and all pertinent references thoroughly.
2. Contact informants, sources and defected Communists who could be expected to know the subject. Contact for evidence of current activity and also for the sources' evaluation of potential dangerousness.
3. Determine residence and employment. Check against the key facilities and classified contractors lists to insure full and complete dissemination is made. Submit Form FD-128 if the subject has moved to a new field division.
4. If the subject has been a CP "drop" or ceased activity suddenly, develop information to show the reason. Many of these "drops" are purely on the basis of theoretical and intellectual differences. The convictions of the persons involved remain unchanged in their hard-core devotion to the principles of international Communism, waiting only for what they consider to be a more favorable climate within ruling Communist circles. It should also be borne in mind constantly that unexplained cessation of Communist activity by a subject may well be based upon a contemplated assignment in espionage or illegal underground activity.

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5. Consider interview or reinterview without regard to prior interview results. Bear in mind the Khrushchev revelations of terror under Stalin, anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and the Hungarian revolt.

6. Secure a current description.

These cases must be given expeditious attention since it will be our responsibility to fully handle the approximately 4232 cases on individuals included in the Communist Index.

In the event reports are submitted in this case, the cover letter (or cover pages) should have the additional caption "Communist Index" after the title.

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4/30/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-115527)

EDWARD LEPOWSKY  
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FRANCES LEPOWSKY, nee Rice  
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Captioned subjects were alleged to have traveled to Russia during the 1930s.

EDWARD LEPOWSKY is a white male, born 8/3/04 in Brooklyn, NY, 5'10" tall, 195 lbs, heavy build, white hair, grey-green eyes, employed as salesman and manufacturers agent at 41-09 149th Place, Queens, NY.

FRANCES LEPOWSKY is a white female, born 12/15/08 in NYC, employed as school teacher.

Above subjects were married on 12/22/09 in Brooklyn, NY. They currently reside at 143-11 Barclay Ave., Flushing, Queens, NY. They formerly resided at 220 East 18th St., Brooklyn, NY., 1081 Park Place, Brooklyn, and 250 West 24th Street, NYC.

WFO is requested to review passport records for above subjects, and furnish the NYO with any background appearing therein.

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date 3/17/59

Subject

FRANCES LEPOWSKY

Aliases

Frances Rice, Mrs. Edward Lepowsky

Address

143-11 Barclay Ave., Flushing, NY 12/15/08 Brooklyn, NY.

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Mrs. Edward Lepowsky	Not pertinent		
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143-11 Barclay Ave			
Flushing			
Francis Rice	✓		
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65-15101-365A p2, 3	Wife of Herbert Fuchs		
65-14603	(Not reviewed - multiple Vol file no serial)		
65-15119-2A p3	(Frances Fuchs, nee Rice)		

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-115495)

DATE: 4/29/59

FROM : SA JOHN H. CAMPBELL, #423

SUBJECT: FRANCES LEPOWSKY, aka.  
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## COMMUNIST INDEX

Re memorandum of Supervisor T. SCOTT MILLER, reopening this case on 3/9/59 for investigation under captioned program.

The following investigation was conducted regarding FRANCES LEPOWSKY:

Residence and Employment

The New York City Board of Education, Division of Teachers Records, 110 Livingston St., Brooklyn, NY, as made available by FRANCES FISCHER to SA DONALD P. ADAMS on 3/23/59, reflect that FRANCES LEPOWSKY of 143-11 Barclay Ave., Flushing, Queens, NY, was then employed as a teacher at Flushing High School, Flushing, Queens, NY. *cf 6-4*

By means of a pretext telephone calls (credit bureau) to Flushing 9-5138, listed to EDWARD LEPOWSKY of the aforementioned address, it was determined by the writer on 4/17/59, that FRANCES LEPOWSKY continues to reside at this address. *and 7/9/59*  
*She is employed as a school teacher from 7/5, F. Q. 1959*

Informants

The following informants who are acquainted with various phases of Communist activity in the NYC area were contacted on the dates indicated and all stated that LEPOWSKY was unknown to them and that they had no information to furnish concerning any of her activities:

InformantDate ContactedAgent

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T. M. WOOD

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JAMES HALLERON

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LEROY SHEETS

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DAVID RYAN

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Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) and  
Bureau of Special Services (BSS)

The records of BCI and BSS, both of the NYC Police Department, as reviewed by SA AUGUST J. MICEK in March, 1959, contain no information identifiable with FRANCES LEPOWSKY.

Indices

The indices of the NYO as reviewed in April, 1959, contain no pertinent, identifiable references to the subject which have not previously been reported or disseminated in this file.

Interview

Subject was uncooperative when approached for interview by Bureau agents on 10/5/54.

Recommendation

A review of this file together with the above investigation, reveals no significant evidence of activity, sympathy or support of Communist organizations on the part of the subject within the past five years. However, in view of the considerable time that has elapsed since her last interview and the fact that she is employed as a faculty member in an institution of learning, the Bureau is being requested for authority to continue this investigation and to interview LEPOWSKY.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-410959)

5/4/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-115495)

FRANCES LEPOWSKY, AKA.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

COMMUNIST INDEX

Re NY report of SA EDWARD THOMAS WALSH, Jr., 10/19/54  
and NY letter to Director, 6/30/55.

This case was reopened in the NYO for investigation under the Communist Index program and it has been determined that subject is employed as a teacher with the New York Board of Education at Flushing High School, Flushing, NY.

Accordingly, it is requested that Bureau authority be granted to investigate and interview subject in accordance with existing regulations governing the investigations of individuals affiliated as faculty members with institutions of learning.

The following is noted regarding FRANCES LEPOWSKY:

1. Subject a white, female, born 12/15/08 at NYC, resides at 143-11 Barclay Ave., Flushing, Queens, NY and is employed as a teacher at the Flushing High School, Flushing, Queens, NY. There is no information available to indicate that she enjoys other than good health.
2. Subject is married to EDWARD LEPOWSKY of the white race, who resides with her at the aforementioned address and who was last known to be employed as a salesman for the Aloris Tool Co., 131-37 Sanford Ave., Flushing, Queens, NY.
3. An informant of unknown reliability reported in 1949 that subject was then a CP member and other sources have reported that in 1944 she petitioned Governor DEWEY in behalf of MORRIS U. SCHAPPES, that in 1946 she was a member of IWO lodge 500 and that in 1949 she was a member of Local 555, of the NYC Teachers Union.

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4. Information concerning subject's spouse, EDWARD LEPOWSKY, is substantially the same as that reported concerning the subject, with the exception that in November, 1953, he resigned from his position as a teacher with the New York City Board of Education rather than appear before a hearing board of that organization to answer questions regarding his alleged CP affiliation. EDWARD LEPOWSKY was uncooperative when approached for interview by Bureau agents on 1/5/55 and 8/29/56.
5. No information available.
6. No information available.
7. Although FRANCES LEPOWSKY was uncooperative when approached for interview by Bureau agents on 10/5/54, it is believed that her present sympathies might best be determined through an interview at this time. If granted, this interview will be conducted in accordance with existing instructions relating to the interview of security subjects.

In the event subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken to direct her activities but a complete background investigation required by section 107c of the Manual of Instructions will be conducted and the Bureau will be requested to authorize recontact of the subject as a PSI.



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TO : SAC, New York (100-115495)

DATE: May 15, 1959

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (100-410959)

SUBJECT: FRANCES LEPOWSKY  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet 5-4-59.

Authority is granted to investigate Lepowsky in accordance with existing Bureau instructions relating to investigations of individuals connected with institutions of learning. However, authority is not being given at this time to interview Lepowsky. Complete your investigation and submit report. If at that time you consider the subject's interview advisable, resubmit your request for authority.

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Director, FBI (100-410959)

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SECURITY MATTER - C

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EDWARD LEPOWSKY  
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FRANCES LEPOWSKY  
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(NY 100-115495)  
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Baurlet 4/30/59.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by SA CARL L. BENNETT on 5/27/59, disclose that EDWARD LEPOWSKY of 253 W. 16th Street, New York City, filed an application for passport on 6/13/36, at New York. The application included his wife, FRANCES LEPOWSKY.

The subjects were issued Passport Number 316319 on 6/22/36, for proposed travel of three months' duration to England, France, USSR, Austria, Poland, Finland, Denmark, and Sweden. The travel plans indicated the subjects intended to depart from the port of New York on 7/2/36, and travel on board the "S. S. BERENGARIA." The purpose of the trip was stated to be "sightseeing."

EDWARD LEPOWSKY stated that he was born 8/3/04, at Brooklyn, New York, and his mother, BERTHA LEPOWSKY, housewife, residing at 1030 Park Place, Brooklyn, New York, filed an affidavit dated 6/19/36, verifying the birth. EDWARD LEPOWSKY stated that his father, JAMES LEPOWSKY, born at Kremenchug, Russia, in 1865, immigrated to the United States in 1888, and died in 1930. His mother was not mentioned in the application. EDWARD LEPOWSKY described himself as 5'10" in height, black hair, brown eyes, and occupation, a teacher.

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FRANCES LEPOWSKY stated that she was born 12/15/08, at Brooklyn, New York, and her mother, LENA RICE, housewife, residing at 261 Rutledge Street, Brooklyn, New York, filed an affidavit dated 6/15/36, verifying her birth.

The application stated that they were married on 12/22/29, place not indicated. EDWARD LEPOWSKY filed an application for renewal of Passport Number 316319 on 7/6/38, extending the validity of the passport two years from the date of expiration. The renewal number is 3294. No additional background information was available in the file.

Copies of the photographs of both subjects have been made and will be furnished your office by routing slip when processed. RUC.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>FRANCES LEPOWSKY, aka.</b>		Report made by <b>SA JOHN H. CAMPBELL</b>	Typed By: <b>pjh</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C (Communist Index)</b>	

Synopsis:  
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## REFERENCE

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## INFORMANTS

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Used to document EDWARD  
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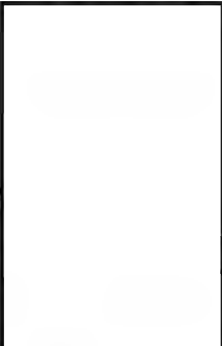
Certain Informants who were contacted in March, 1959, are identified as follows:

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	3/19/59	JAMES HALLERON
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	3/19/59	LEROY SHEETS
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	3/20/59	DAVID RYAN
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	3/30/59	ROBERT TAYLOR

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The pretext telephone calls of 4/17/59 and 7/9/59 were both conducted by SA JOHN H. CAMPBELL, who represented himself as a telephone repairman in the first instance, and as a person conducting a consumer survey in the latter call.

This report is classified ~~confidential~~ due to the utilization of information from , a highly confidential source, who has in the past furnished information regarding CP Activities within the New York City Board of Education. Should the identity of this source be disclosed, it would seriously impair the investigation of Communist Party Activities in the New York City area and thereby be injurious to the Internal Security of the United States.

In view of subject's employment as a teacher with the New York City Board of Education and because there has been no significant evidence of her activity with Communist Organizations since her alleged CP membership in 1949, it is believed that an interview of LEPOWSKY would not be

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desirable or productive at this time. It is noted that when approached for interview by Bureau Agents on 10/5/54 she declined to discuss any of her activities.

Accordingly, no further consideration is being given to interview LEPOWSKY at this time.

There has been no evidence developed which warrants subject's consideration for the Security Index, however, she is being retained on the revised Communist Index of the New York Office.

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## Copy to:

Report of: SA JOHN H. CAMPBELL

Office: New York

Date: JUL 21 1959

File Number: New York 100-115495

Bureau File 100-410959

Title: FRANCES LEPOWSKY

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

## Synopsis:

LEPOWSKY resides 143-11 Barclay Avenue Apt. G4, Flushing, Queens, NY and is employed as a teacher at Flushing High School, Flushing, Queens, NY. Subject and husband issued passport on 6/22/36 for proposed travel to Europe and the USSR.

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DETAILSI BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

The records of the NYC Board of Education, Division

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of Teachers' Records, 110 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York, has made available by FRANCES FISCHER to SA DONALD P. ADAMS on March 23, 1959, reflected FRANCES LEPOWSKY of 143-11 Barclay Avenue, Flushing, Queens, New York was then employed as a teacher at Flushing High School at Flushing, Queens, New York.

By means of appropriate pretext telephone calls to Flushing 9-5138, listed to EDWARD LEPOWSKY of 143-11 Barclay Avenue, Apartment G 4, Flushing, Queens, New York, it was determined by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on April 17, 1959 and July 9, 1959 that FRANCES LEPOWSKY continues to reside at this address and that she is employed as a school teacher at Flushing High School, Flushing, Queens, New York.

#### Foreign Travel

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State as reviewed by SA CARL L. BENNETT on May 27, 1959, disclosed that EDWARD LEPOWSKY of 253 West 16th Street, New York City filed an application for passport on June 13, 1936 at New York, New York. This application included LEPOWSKY's wife, FRANCES LEPOWSKY.

These records further reflected that the LEPOWSKYS were issued passport number 316319 on June 22, 1936, for a proposed travel of 3 months duration to England, France, the USSR, Austria, Poland, Finland, and Sweden. The travel plans indicated that the LEPOWSKYS intended to depart from the port of New York on July 2, 1936 and travel on board the "SS Berengaria." The purpose of this trip was stated to be "sightseeing."

It is noted that on February 19, 1954, New York Tel made available information that EDWARD LEPOWSKY was a member of the Communist Party (CP) while teaching at the Bronx High School of Science, New York City. This informant further advised that EDWARD LEPOWSKY was employed as a teacher by

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the New York City Board of Education from December, 1928 to November 2, 1953 at which time he resigned rather than answer any questions put to him by that board concerning his membership and activities in behalf of the Communist Party.

The CP is an organization designated by the attorney general of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

## II MISCELLANEOUS

Certain New York Informants, who are familiar with various phases of Communist activity in the New York City area were contacted in March, 1959. However, all stated that subject was unknown to them and that they could furnish no information regarding any of her activities.

The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and the Bureau of Special Services, both of the New York City Police Department, as reviewed by SA AUGUST J. MICEK in March, 1959, contained no information identifiable with FRANCES LEPOWSKY.

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

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July 21, 1959

Re: Frances Lepowsky  
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New York T-1, in the report of Special Agent John H. Campbell, dated and captioned as above, should be characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-115495) DATE: 10/15/59  
FROM : SA JOHN H. CAMPBELL #423  
SUBJECT: *FRANCES LEPOWSKY*  
SECURITY MATTER - C

This case has been handled according to Bureau instructions relative to the investigation of individuals included in the Communist Index. The disposition of this case is indicated below by the number (or numbers) circled below.

1. Subject removed from Communist Index.
2. Subject placed on Security Index.
3. Subject developed into Security Informant or Potential Security Informant.
4. Espionage case opened.
5. Subject employed at key facility or by classified contractor.
6. Subject had delicate or sensitive employment or relationship which required additional dissemination in line with FBI's over-all security responsibilities.
7. Subject retained on Communist Index.
8. Case RUC'd to another office.
9. Subject deceased.
10. Subject being developed as Security Informant, PSI, Panel Source or Confidential Source.
11. Unable to locate after extensive investigation.
12. Miscellaneous (specify, such as SGE case opened because of Federal employment)
13. Was subject interviewed or not interviewed.  
If interviewed, was subject cooperative.
14. Indicate any change in residence or employment.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK  
FROM : SUPERVISOR 423  
SUBJECT: FRANCES LEPOWSKY, aka

DATE: ~~11/17/60~~ 19 NOV 1960

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This Reserve Index case is being reopened to conduct the following investigation:

1. Verify residence and employment.
2. Conduct an indices search and file review to determine whether investigation is warranted at this time or whether an interview with the individual is deemed desirable.
3. If additional investigation is conducted or if there is unreported information of a subversive nature contained in the files, a report must be submitted.

Designate for Section A of the Reserve Index those individuals whose subversive activities do not bring them within the Security Index criteria but who, in a time of national emergency, are in a position to influence others against the national interest or are likely to furnish material financial aid to subversive elements due to their subversive associations and ideologies.

Included in Section A will be those individuals falling within the following categories:

1. Professors, teachers and educators.
2. Labor union organizers or leaders.
3. Writers, lecturers, newsmen, entertainers and others in the mass media field.
4. Lawyers, doctors and scientists.
5. Other potentially influential persons on a local or national level.
6. Individuals who could potentially furnish material financial aid.

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Forms will be available to recommend the inclusion of the individual's name in Section A of the Reserve Index. These forms will contain a succinct summary, setting forth the basis for recommendation. If no report accompanies the recommendation, a statement to that effect should appear on the page containing the succinct summary. Investigations of individuals listed in Section A are to be brought up to date annually and they are to be considered for Security Index status or retention in the Reserve Index. Changes in residence and employment will be submitted to the Bureau.

The administrative handling of the reopening of these cases will be similar to that in the case of annual reports on SI subjects. Section B of the Reserve Index will be the names of the remaining individuals in the Reserve Index who are not in Section A.

The revised standards for inclusion of names in the Reserve Index are:

1. Membership in a basic revolutionary organization subsequent to January 1, 1949, together with some indication of sympathy or association with such an organization or a subversive front organization subsequent to the reported membership and no reliable evidence of defection.
2. Investigation has failed to substantiate allegations of membership in a revolutionary organization within the past five years, coupled with some evidence or information indicating activity, association or sympathy for the subversive cause within the same period, and no reliable evidence of defection.
3. The individual, within the past five years, by his associations, writings, financial support or conduct in relation to and support of subversive organizations or the international communist movement is in a position to influence others at the time of a national emergency and no reliable evidence of defection.
4. Leadership or substantial activities in a major subversive front group over three years ago, together with some evidence of continuing activity, association or sympathy for the subversive cause within three years and no reliable evidence of defection.
5. Membership in a subversive front organization within the past three years and no reliable evidence of defection.

In handling this case the Agent should insure that the description appearing on the Reserve Index card is correct and should complete a form NY 125. Every closing memo, letter or report should be routed to the SI Unit with NY 125 attached.

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## Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-115495) DATE: 1/26/61

FROM : SA DONALD W. CLANCY #423

SUBJECT: FRANCES LEPOWSKY

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Subject be deleted from RI inasmuch as there is no evidence of CP membership on the part of the subject.

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT On 1/25/61, a telephone call was made to subject's residence under pretext of a possible call for jury duty which revealed Subject is a teacher at Flushing High School, Flushing, Queens, NY, and resides at 143-11 Barclay Avenue, Flushing, Queens, NY.

SUBVERSIVE INFORMATION There is no unreported, pertinent, subversive information.

MISCELLANEOUS The subject was interviewed on 10/5/54 and was uncooperative. The subject is not being recommended for reinterview due to her position as a school teacher and lack of evidence of CP membership.

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